

## 2007 News Releases

### Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg

*Memorial Service*

#### NEWS @ A GLANCE:

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg announced today the final plans for the Memorial Service to be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 in honour of fallen firefighters Captain Tom Nichols and Captain Harold Lessard.

(for more details, please read the full media release below)

#### MEDIA RELEASE:

WINNIPEG February 12, 2007 - The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg announced today the final plans for the Memorial Service to be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 in honour of fallen firefighters Captain Tom Nichols and Captain Harold Lessard.

All members of the public who wish to attend the service are encouraged to arrive at the MTS Centre early and to be in their seats by 9:30 am. The doors to the MTS Centre will open at 8:00 am.

**Memorial Service** – The Memorial Service is expected to commence at 10:00 am and will continue for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Speakers will include: The Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board; The Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Labour; His Worship Mayor Sam Katz; A/Chief Jim Brennan, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service; Mr. Harold A. Schaitberger, General President, International Association of Fire Fighters; Mr. Alex Forrest, President, United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg; and representatives of both the Nichols and Lessard families. Musical interludes and tributes will be performed by the Canadian Air Force Choir and Band, Canadian Mass Pipe and Drum Band, amongst others.

**Memorial March** - The Memorial activities will also include a processional march of uniformed officers from Winnipeg and around North America. The march will depart the Winnipeg Convention Centre at approximately 8:30 am and will continue until all members have arrived at the MTS Centre.

To accommodate the march, there will be traffic disruptions between the 8:30 am and 9:45 am as follows:

- Edmonton Street from St. Mary Avenue to York Avenue
- York Avenue from Edmonton Street to Carlton Street
- Carlton Street from York Street to Portage Avenue.

These streets will be reopened to traffic upon the conclusion of the march.

Street parking will be prohibited along the march route from 6 am until 11 am Wednesday morning.

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Transit routes along Graham Avenue will be re-routed, please see [www.winnipegtransit.com](http://www.winnipegtransit.com) for additional details.

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